

Appl. No. 10/065,044
Amdt. Dated August 11, 2004
Reply to Office action of June 2, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed in light of Office Action dated June 2, 2004. Claims 1-5, 9-17, 21, 22 and 24 were rejected. Claims 7, 8, 19 and 20 were objected to as being based upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims. Claims 1 and 13 have been canceled.

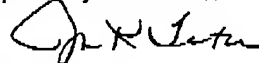
To expedite prosecution, claims 1 and 13 have been canceled, and claims 7, 8, 19 and 20 have been amended and are re-written in independent form to overcome the objections recited by the Examiner. Claims 7 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of independent claim 1, and 19 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of independent claim 13. Additionally, some of the remaining dependent claims 2, 4, 9-12, 14, 16, 21-22 and 24, which did not originally depend from objected claims have been amended to now depend from amended independent claims 7 and 19.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7, claims 2-5, 9-12 which depend therefrom, claim 8, claim 19, claims 14-17, 21-22 and 24 which depend therefrom and claim 20 define allowable subject matter over the applied art. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested, and allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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